

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

2026:PHHC:080104



(116)

CRWP-4944-2026

Shweta Bhanupratap Singh

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

Decided on : 21.05.2026

Date of uploading: 21.05.2026

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Om Malhan, Advocate for the petitioner (s).

Mr. Adhiraj Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vivek Singh, Advocate for

Mr. Sandeep Kumar Bakolia, Advocate, for respondent Nos.7 & 8.

Sumeet Goel, J. (Oral):

1. The substantive prayer made in the instant petition reads thus:

“It is therefore respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to:

1. Issue a writ in the nature of Habeas Corpus directing the official respondents to forthwith trace, secure the release of and produce Mr. Jaskaran Singh, a major individual, who is presently being illegally detained and wrongfully confined at the facility of Respondent No. 5 & 6 at the instance and under the instructions of Respondent No. 7 & 8, before this Hon'ble Court and set him at liberty;

II. Appoint a Warrant Officer with a roving commission to visit the premises of Respondent Nos. 5 and 6 or any other place where the detenue is suspected to be confined, to secure his release and produce him before this Hon'ble Court.”

2. Learned State counsel has filed short reply dated 18.05.2026 by way of affidavit of Assistant Commissioner of Police (North), Amritsar City. The same be kept on record. Relevant part of the said short reply reads thus:

“4. That it has been further reported that record relating to the medical condition of detenue was obtained from Bhatia Hospital, where the doctor has stated that the detenue was admitted at their hospital for Mental and Behavioural disorder treatment and on 02.04.2026, the detenue was shifted to The Hermitage Rehab, Branch of Bhatia

Hospital and presently the detenue has again been admitted at Bhatia Hospital, Amritsar on 02.05.2026.

5. That it has been further reported that information that whether the detenue is capable to take his own decision, was obtained from concerned treating doctor vide letter No. 371-5E dated 12.05.2026, wherein the doctor has given his medical bulletin that "This is to inform that Mr. Jaskaran Singh Sethi has been diagnosed with mental and behavioural disorder due to poly substance abuse along with induced psychotic episodes at the time of admission, has currently incapacitated to form his consent to his treatment hereby, his mother Mrs Amanpreet Kaur Sethi, who is a legal guardian, is with patient to support for his treatment."

6. That it has been further reported that as during the enquiry, it has been found that the detenue was admitted at Bhatia Hospital on 11.02.2026 by his family member for his treatment but he fled away from there on 19.02.2026 and went to the petitioner at Gurugram. It has been further reported that team of Bhatia Hospital brought the detenue back to Bhatia Hospital on 21.02.2026 and he was shifted to The Hermitage Rehab, Branch of Bhatia Hospital and presently the petitioner is admitted at Bhatia Hospital, Amritsar under section 90 Mental Health Act with the consent of parents of the detenue as the detenue is incapacitated to form his consent for his treatment and no one has detained him illegally.

7. That it is humbly submitted that the allegations made by the petitioner against the private respondents were found to be totally baseless, misconceived and devoid of truth as during the enquiry, it was found that the detenue is not detained but undergoing treatment at Bhatia Hospital with consent of her parents."

3. Having perused the above reply, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he may be permitted to withdraw the petition in hand, at this stage, with liberty to avail alternate remedy as available in law.

4. Ordered accordingly.

May 21, 2026
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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No